[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

അനുസരിച്ചു യാതൊന്നിനു മുകം പുമത്തണമെന്നും കൂടുതലായി ഒ വ്യ-ാ മത്തെ മയിലിൽ ഒരു ടോൾഗേറ് ഏർപ്പെടുത്തണമെന്നും അഭിപ്രായം തീർച്ചപ്പെടുത്തീട്ടുണ്ട്.

Qualifications for Honorary Offices.

87. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that public interests suffer very greatly and that institutions for developing self-government among the people, such as Municipalities and Bench Magistrates' Courts, are often brought into discredit owing to the fact that persons who have not got sufficient educational qualifications are often selected for holding such positions?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to prescribe minimum educational qualifications for persons to be selected for occupying such positions?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Government do not consider it necessary or expedient to prescribe examination qualifications for the honorary offices referred to.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In view of the fact that I have used the expression 'educational qualifications' in my question and that Government have used in the reply the expression 'examination qualifications', may I know whether any distinction is meant between the two expressions?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government satisfy themselves that the people who are appointed know well enough to read and write; but no examination qualification is insisted upon. By 'educational qualification' is meant such educational attainment as would enable them to understand and do their business. Government do not insist upon any examination qualification, that is to say, the people who are appointed need not have passed any examination.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): So, Government are prepared to recognise educational qualifications?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; that is, they must have sufficient knowledge.

Buildings taken on rent by Government.

88. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): How many private buildings in the town of Trivandrum are rented by Government for Government purposes?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Thirty-two.

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